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THE IDOLM@STER Splash Red for Dearly Stars
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STEP 13

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EXTRA !!
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THE SUPER IDOL WHO HAD ONCE TAKEN THE WORLD BY STORM HAS RETURNED.
THIS IS A PICTURE TAKEN FROM HER LIVE LAST NIGHT...
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UUUU, IT'S TRUE~~

EVERYONE'S GOING CRAZY, HUH...
THESE EXTRA EDITIONS COMING OUT ARE UNBELIEVABLE...
MAMA IS SUDDENLY THE TOP NATIONAL NEWS STORY!!
GEEZ, ALL THESE EXTRA EDITIONS ARE ABOUT MAMA'S COMEBACK STORY!!
PRESIDENT... IS MAMA REALLY SUCH A GREAT IDOL?
SHE'S NEVER TALKED TO ME MUCH ABOUT IT...
I'M SO SORRY
YUKIHO-SEMPAI!!
YESTERDAY, YUKIHO-SEMPAI SAID "I'M SO SORRY FOR STANDING ON THE SAME STAGE!"
...SHE WOULDN'T COME OUT OF HER HOLE AFTER THAT...
YOU WERE BORN AFTER YOUR MOTHER HAD RETIRED, SO YOU PROBABLY CAN'T EVEN IMAGINE IT...
EEH, IS THAT RIGHT

ANYTHING I SAY ABOUT HIDAKA MAI WILL SOUND LIKE I'M TALKING ABOUT A DIFFERENT PERSON.
SHE WASN'T ONLY AN IDOL, SHE WAS A SYMBOL OF AN ERA.
IT'S BEEN SAID THAT EVERY TIME A SONG WAS RELEASED, A NEW BUILDING WENT UP.
HER BIGGEST HIT, ALIVE, BECAME A SOCIAL PHE-NOMENON.
ALIVE
I... IS ALL OF THAT TRUE!? THIS IS THE SAME MAMA THAT PLAYS AROUND IN WEIRD WAYS IN THE KITCHEN ...!?
LOOK, LOOK! DINNER IS A HEAPING BOWL OF TARO♡
EEH, I DON'T KNOW IF THAT'S A REASON TO BE SHOCKED.

AT ANY RATE, YOU NEED TO BE CAREFUL IF YOU DON'T WANT PEOPLE TO REALIZE THAT YOU'RE HIDAKA MAI'S DAUGHTER...
HUH...? WHY ARE THERE REPORTERS...
IT'S TRUE! THERE'S SO MANY, HUH!!

MAMA MUST HAVE REALLY STIRRED THEM UP!!
I SUPPOSE SO...

AH, IT'S AI-CHAN!!
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AI-CHAN IS HERE!!

EEE EEH !!?
AI-CHAN !!
HOLD ON A MINUTE, AI-CHAN !!?
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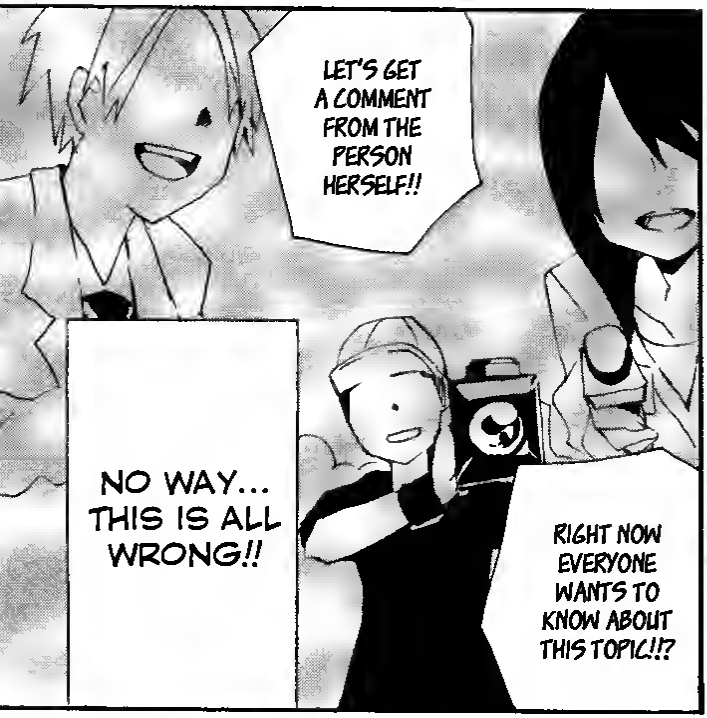
THANK GOODNESS, WE WERE WAITING FOR YOU!
PLEASE GIVE US AN INTERVIEW RIGHT AWAY!!
IS IT TRUE THAT AI-CHAN IS THE DAUGHTER OF HIDAKA MAI!!?


LET'S GET A COMMENT FROM THE PERSON HERSELF!!
NO WAY... THIS IS ALL WRONG!!
RIGHT NOW EVERYONE WANTS TO KNOW ABOUT THIS TOPIC!!?

EH...?

EH!? BUT PRESIDENT
AI!!
I'LL STOP THEM HERE, SO HURRY AND ESCAPE!!

EVERYONE JUST BACK OFF! CAN'T YOU SEE SHE'S SURPRISED!?
PLEASE TELL US ABOUT HIDAKA-SAN!!
EVEN JUST ONE WORD!!

PRESIDENT!!
I'LL BE FINE, SO HURRY!!
OOOOH !!
FIRST BAT-TALION, CHARGE !!
GO AFTER HER!!
KYAAAA!?
WAIT!!

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AI-CHAN, OVER HERE!! HURRY UP!!
O... OZAKI-SAN!!

WHAAA I SURVIVED... I SURVIVED BUT THE PRESIDENT WAS LEFT BEHIND...
DON'T WORRY, THAT PERSON WOULDN'T BE DEFEATED SO EASILY...
MORE IMPORTANTLY, LOOK AT THIS HIDAKA-SAN!
HUH?
A LIST OF SPECIALLY INVITED GUESTS FOR THE NEXT AUDITION ...?
WHEN I HEARD THE NEWS OF THE COMEBACK, I HAD A BAD FEELING...
SURE ENOUGH, IT LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE SPRINGING THIS KIND OF THING ON YOU.

YOU ALREADY FACED A LOT OF CHALLENG-ES, BUT...
EVEN IF YOU'RE ASSAULTED NOW, YOU HAVE TO DO YOUR BEST.
...HAH... WHAT DO I DO...
I KNEW THEY'D FIND OUT EVENTU-ALLY...
FROM NOW ON I'M NOT HIDAKA AI ANYMORE, I'M HIDAKA MAI'S DAUGHTER...

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I'M GOING TO GET COMPARED TO MY MOM EVEN MORE NOW.
ON TOP OF THAT, THE NEXT AUDITION HAS THE WORST TIMING...
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IF I WIN THIS AUDITION
WOULD THEY SEE ME FOR WHO I AM...?
THE AUDI-TION.
HOW WOULD EVERYONE REACT IF I DEFEATED MAMA?
WOULD THEY ACKNOWLEDGE ME FOR MY OWN STRENGTH?

SO I CAN'T AFFORD TO LOSE!!
THAT'S RIGHT..
THIS IS MY CHANCE TO SHOW HIDAKA AI'S STRENGTH, THAT I'M NOT JUST MAMA'S DAUGHTER...
I'LL DEFINITELY DEFEAT MAMA!!
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I'M GOING TO EARN MY OWN IDOL FAME!!

OH, IF IT ISN'T AI.
YOU SURE TOOK YOUR TIME!!
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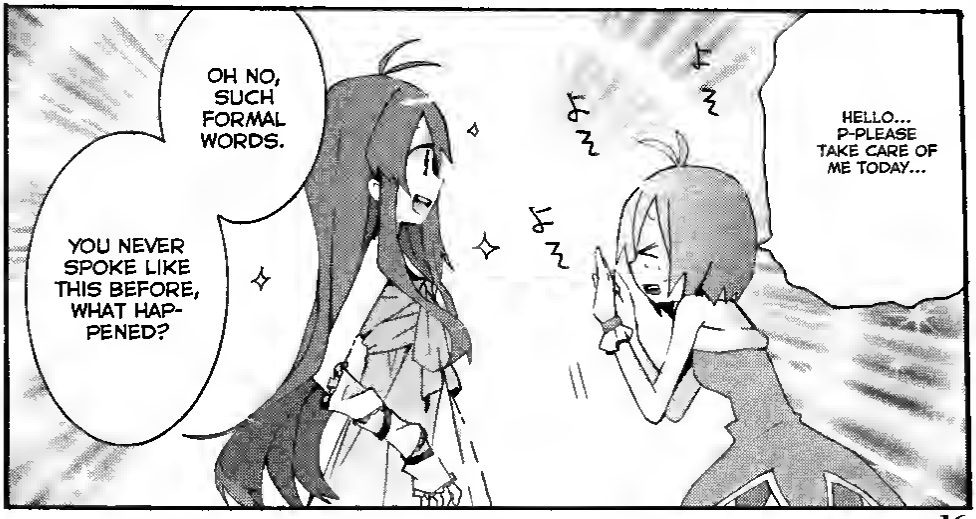
HELLO... P-PLEASE TAKE CARE OF ME TODAY...
OH NO, SUCH FORMAL WORDS.
YOU NEVER SPOKE LIKE THIS BEFORE, WHAT HAPPENED?

THAT'S BECAUSE I CAN'T QUITE LOOK AT YOU, MAMA... ARE YOU REALLY MAMA!?
AI'S FAVORITE FOOD IS SUGAR PIE AND YOUR FAVORITE DRINK IS STRAWBERRY MILK. THREE DAYS AGO YOU WERE SLEEP TALKING AND SAID "IT'S DELICIOUS, HARUKA-SAN" ...DO I NEED TO KEEP TALKING TO PROVE THAT I'M MAMA?
GEEZ, STOP ALREADY!! WHY DID YOU SUDDENLY DECIDE TO MAKE A COMEBACK!!
IT WASN'T SO SUDDEN.
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BECAUSE AI WAS HAVING SO MUCH FUN EVERY DAY BEING AN IDOL
I WANTED TO PLAY WITH YOU, TOO☆

TH...THAT'S YOUR REASON FOR MAKING A COMEBACK!!?
BUT IT'S ACTUALLY BEEN PRETTY EXCITING.
YOU SEE...
IT'S BEEN OVER 10 YEARS SINCE I RETIRED.
SO MANY NEW IDOLS HAVE APPEARED SINCE THEN♪
SINCE THEN...
BUT IT'S TOO BAD.
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IT LOOKS LIKE EVERYONE ELSE IS ABSENT TODAY.

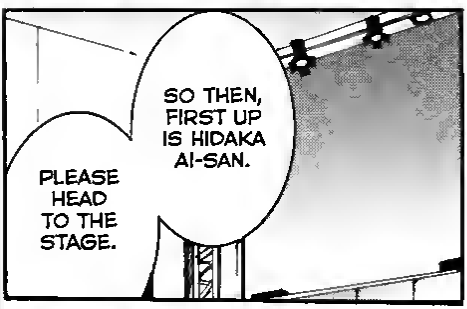
EHH!? IT'S EMPTY !!!
IT'S BORING WHEN EVERYONE GIVES UP RIGHT AWAY.
THOUGH I CAN'T REALLY BLAME THEM.

ARE YOU GOING TO RUN AWAY, TOO, AI?
O... OF COURSE NOT!!

TODAY I'M NOT GOING TO THINK OF MAMA AS MAMA!!
TODAY YOU'RE JUST SOME OBA-SAN!!!

ONEE-SAN, ONEE-SAN, ONEE-SAN, ONEE-SAN, ONEE-SAN, ONEE-SAN
UM... EXCUSE ME...
WE NEED TO START GETTING READY...
OBA-SAN, OBA-SAN, OBA-SAN, OBA-SAN, OBA-SAN, OBA-SAN !!

IF I WANT TO REMAIN AS I AM, AS HIDAKA AI,
THEN I CAN'T LOSE THIS AUDITION!!


SO THEN, FIRST UP IS HIDAKA AI-SAN.
PLEASE HEAD TO THE STAGE.

HA... RIGHT NOW I JUST NEED TO CALM DOWN...

I'VE PUT IN SO MUCH EFFORT UNTIL NOW! IT DOESN'T MATTER WHO THE ENEMY IS!
IF I CHALLENGE MYSELF, EVERYTHING WILL BE FINE.
I CAN STAND UP TO MAMA'S STRENGTH.
THANK YOU VERY MUCH!
FOR SURE !!

EHEHE... TODAY I WAS ABLE TO DO IT PERFECTLY ...
NEXT UP IS HIDAKA MAI-SAN...
YE~S♡
AI
YOUR STEPS WERE A LITTLE BIT SLOW
YOUR VOICE IS STILL TOO IN-EXPERIENCED FOR THAT SONG

LET MAMA SHOW YOU HOW IT'S DONE♥
WH...
EVERYONE ON STAFF, MAY I MAKE A LITTLE REQUEST?
I'D LIKE TO SING THE SAME SONG MY DAUGHTER DID JUST NOW! DO YOU MIND IF IT'S THE SAME THING AGAIN?
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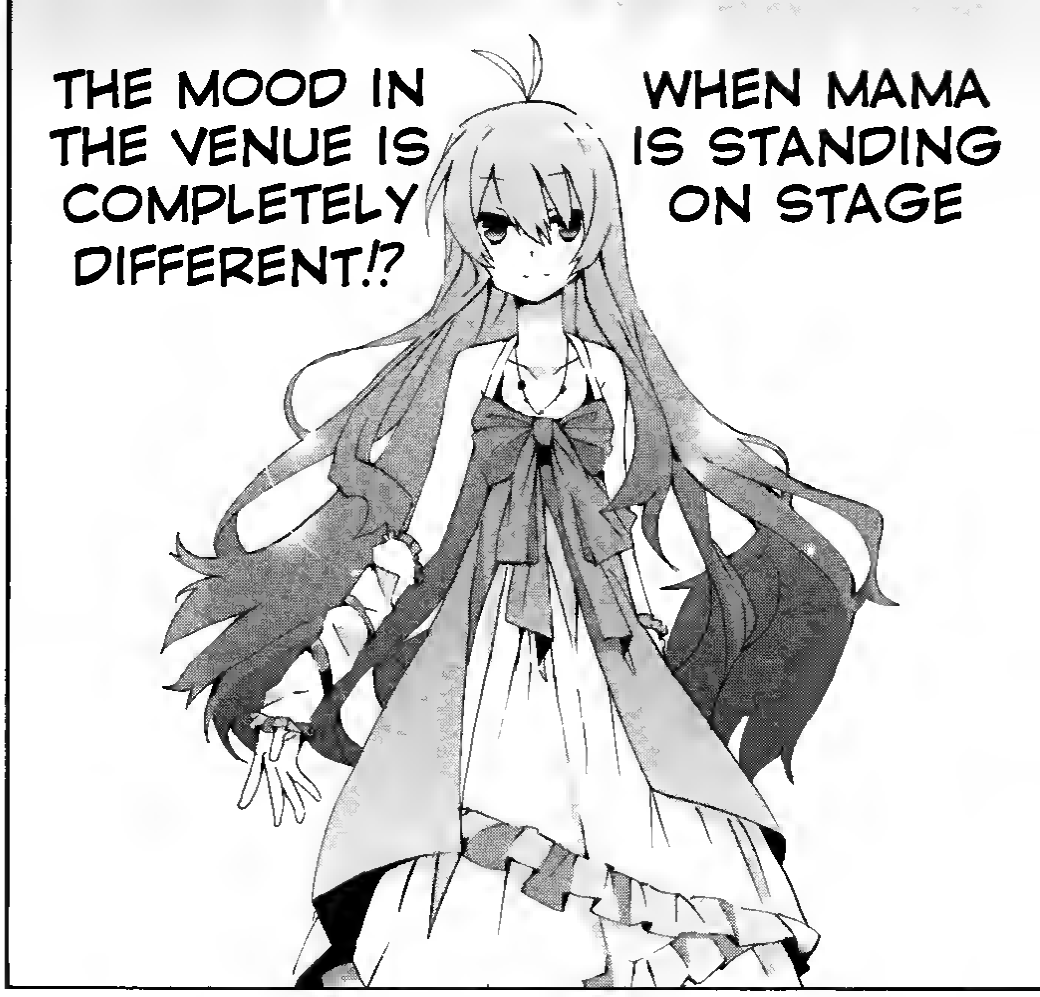
WHAT...?


THE MOOD IN THE VENUE IS COMPLETELY DIFFERENT!?
WHEN MAMA IS STANDING ON STAGE

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AH, HOLD ON, IT'LL CAUSE TROUBLE IF YOU FILM THE AUDITION!!
HEY, THIS IS IT!! HIDAKA MAI IS SINGING, HURRY AND ROLL THE CAMERA!
GIVE THEM THE PASS DOCUMENTS!!
IT'S ALREADY BEEN DECIDED!! THE JUDGES AREN'T EVEN GOING TO VOTE!!
BUT SHE DOESN'T REALLY COMPARE TO ALL THAT, HUH...
AI-CHAN WAS GOOD, TOO...
UWAH, HOW PRETTY.

REGARDLESS, THIS TRAGIC STAGE SET...
CAN IT BE A LIE...?
ALL THE COSTUMES AND THE STAGE WERE REALLY SHINING...
IS THIS... MAMA'S STRENGTH ...?

I CAN'T POSSIBLY OVERCOME THAT!!